



Acadiana Area Human Services District-Board Meeting Minutes

Crowley Mental Health

July 23, 2012

Members Present: Georgie Blanchard, (St. Martin Parish); Claude Devillier, (St. Landry Parish); Gwen Klorer, (Vermilion Parish); Patricia LaBrosse, (Lafayette Parish); George McHugh, (St., Martin Parish); Mary Neiheisel, (Lafayette Parish), John Pitre, (Evangeline Parish)

Members Absent: Charles Labbe, (Acadia Parish); Kay Marcel, (Iberia Parish); Bryan Vidrine (Evangeline Parish)

Employees: Brad Farmer, Executive Director, AAHSD, Daniel Leger, CFO, AAHSD, Gretchen Cormier, Crowley Mental Health (CMH), Sharyn Robert, (CMH), Debra Meaux, (CMH)

Others: Richard Landry, (OCDD), Russell Semon, DHH, Office of Behavioral Health, Shreveport, LA.,

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		George McHugh, Chair, at 6:18 p.m.
Roll Call	Seven (7) board members personally present.	
Quorum	Seven (7) board members personally present.	Quorum announced by secretary.
Agenda/Amendments	Mr. McHugh, Chair, asked for additional agenda items. No other items added to agenda.	Agenda approved.
Guests	Welcomed by Chair were Gretchen Cormier, Sharyn Robert, Debra Meaux and Richard Landry.	Chair thanked the Crowley Mental Health Staff for hosting the meeting.
Minutes of June 25, 2012	Patricia LaBrosse/Gwen Klorer moved/seconded approval of minutes of June 25, 2012.	Minutes approved.
Reports:	The Chair requested reports from Mr. Landry and for Mrs. Ben.	
Mr. Richard Landry	Reported fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, but no data available, will report in August. Four vacancies have occurred. Attempting to fill three critical vacancies. One of the disappointments was the closure of Mandeville Neuropsychiatric unit for adolescents which was one of the bet in the nation.	
Ms. Joyce Ben	Mr. Farmer presented for Ms. Ben. New clients are arriving. Louisiana Association for Substance Abuse (LASCT) State Conference will be held July 30-August 1.	

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Report from Executive Director	<p>Changing from Region to District has continued to be confusing. Is discussing with DSS regarding budget and filling vacancies.</p> <p>Secretary Greenstein has not responded regarding our Phase II status.</p>	
Activities of Mr. Farmer during last month	Working with DHH on budget and filling vacancies.	
Report from Daniel Leger, CFO	Reported on reimbursement, generating funds, and state general funds. Budget is a big issue and is working on budget.	
Comments from Mr. Semon	<p>Comments regarding the adoption of a calendar and an agenda to address certain policies. Topics related to budget, financial planning consumers, strategic priorities and operational budget should be on agenda. He stressed meat in meetings. Stated Governance Policy Manual is a working document and a portion should be presented with the ENDS. Need to identify topic and limit discussion to that topic. Need to evaluate quality of meetings and content being given. Important to accept obstacles and move forward. Board is responsible for strategic priorities. Executive Director is responsible for operational budget, policies, and details. Bylaws should be followed, allows board to speak as one voice. Board members are a team and should not engage in individual lobbying to the Executive Director and other board members. The ED thanked Mr. Semon for his comments.</p>	
Date and location of Next Meeting	Discussion regarding need to meet in Lafayette and other cities on a 2:1 basis.	Meeting will be in Lafayette, LA, at Tyler Mental Health., 302 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, on August 27, 2012.
Adjournment	Patricia LaBrosse/Claude DeVillier moved/seconded adjournment of meeting.	Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.
Submitted by Secretary		<p><i>Mary S. Meisels</i> Secretary, AAHSDB</p>